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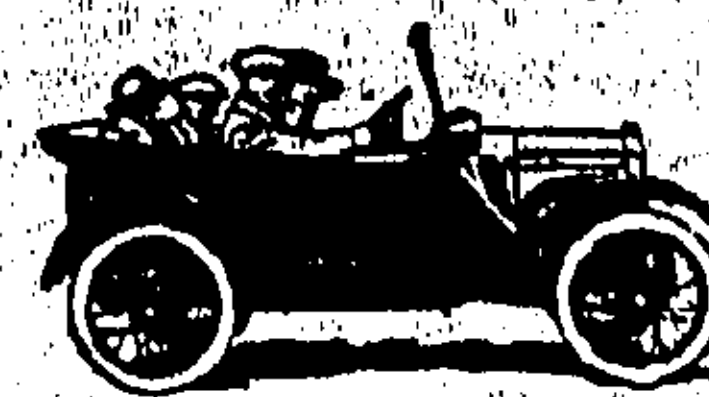
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PIRATE PLOT? STEAMER COUP NIPPED IN BUD. UNUSUAL ARMS HAUL. Sensational Revelations Anticipated.

Peculiar circumstances attending the first arms seizure of the year, effected this morning, give the impression that an attempt to secrete weapons on board a local ship with possibly piratical intentions has been nipped in the bud.

From what was actually seen, it appears that those who are alleged to have been involved, took extreme measures in trying to get rid of the firearms once they knew the game was up.

Early this morning, Revenue Officers from the Imports and Exports Department were proceeding along that part of the Praya near the Steamboat Co.'s Macao wharf at Wing Lok Street.

On their approach, so it is alleged, a bag was thrown over from a small sampan. The Revenue Officers thereupon took into custody those on board—three persons—and at once commenced dredging operations.

Their efforts were rewarded when a bag was brought up. Eight Mauser pistols with eight bullets and about 500 rounds of ammunition, in clips, comprised the contents of the "haul."

"Trade custom" in Hongkong and South China for illicit arms deals is for each weapon to be accompanied by 100 rounds of ammunition. Experience from seizures in the past of arms believed to be in transit as part of the trade has borne this out.

That the ammunition was in clips and that there were less than the usual "100 per pistol" number of rounds, naturally lead to a suspicion that the rounds were for immediate use rather than for disposal by sale.

Then there is the well-known

desire among local bad characters to bring off a coup—even at greater risk than in ordinary times—before China New Year, so as to be "flush" for the occasion.

Finally there is the proximity of the spot where the bag was retrieved, to a number of wharves where river steamers berth.

Accordingly revelations of sensational nature should not cause any great surprise when the arrested persons are brought before the Magistrate.

STOP PRESS.

TEST MATCH RESULT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, January 8.

England were all out in the second innings for 290.

H. Sutcliffe was out for 127.

Australia, therefore, won by 81 runs.

[Details of the play in the Second Test Match, up to drawing of stumps yesterday, will be found on page 11.]

WHO WILL IT BE?

HONGKONG'S NEXT GOVERNOR.

HOME GOSSIP.

Financial Expert To Be Appointed?

Hongkong has strong grounds for believing that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, will be invited to remain here at the conclusion of his term of office but newspaper reports at Home refer to possible changes.

A "China Mail" reporter who made enquiries in official quarters after the announcement was made by the unofficial members of the Legislative Council that they had requested the Colonial Office to re-appoint Sir Edward Stubbs was informed that no announcement was likely to be made before June or July of this year and it would not be without precedent if (in the event of another Governor being appointed) a temporary successor was at first appointed.

The "Daily Graphic" understands that when Sir John Bradbury, the British representative on the Reparations Commission, retires from that post in a few months, he will be offered a Colonial Governorship. "There will be two or three such vacancies about that time," states the report, "but the one for which Sir John is thought to be most suitable is the Governorship of Hongkong. Sir Reginald Stubbs, the present Governor, is retiring on the expiration of the five years' period of service for which he was appointed."

What actually occurs when a Colonial Governorship becomes vacant is that the Colonial Office, in touch with the doings of all the smaller colonial governors, is in a position to recommend one or more for appointment to the Secretary of State, for Colonies. When the decision is made the chosen one is communicated with and in the event of his acceptance the consent of His Majesty has, of course, to be obtained.

Simultaneous announcement is then made to the colony concerned and to the Press and as the elaborate machinery which the Press has evolved for the lightning transition of important news, to the four corners of the globe is such that the chances are all for their cables beating those of Whitehall, Hongkong's first intimation as to the appointment of a Governor is likely to come through the agency of Reuters in the local papers.

Sir John Bradbury, G.C.B., K.C.B., C.B., who as principal British representative on the Reparations Commission has handled delicate negotiations, was raised to a barony in the New Year's Honours' List. He is an Insurance Commissioner and was a member of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee. Throughout the war period he was Joint Permanent Secretary to H.M. Treasury.

Hongkong's present Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., has held the post since 1919. Appointed second class clerk, Colonial Office, in 1900, he became first class clerk in 1910. He was sent on a special mission to the Malay Peninsula and Hongkong the same year. He was a member of the West African Lands Committee in 1912. He was appointed Colonial Secretary of Ceylon in 1913. This post he held until he came to Hongkong in 1919. He administered the Ceylon Government on several occasions.

OPIUM CONFERENCE.

GREAT BRITAIN'S SPECIAL DELEGATE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 7. It is officially announced that the Marquis of Salisbury has been appointed special delegate of Great Britain to the Opium Conference at Geneva on January 12. Sir Malcolm Delvingne, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, whose admirable work preceding the conference as the principal British delegate has been fully recognised, will again go to Geneva as the British delegate.

LATER The Marquis of Salisbury will not attend the Geneva conference as he fell whilst hunting in Hertfordshire to-day.

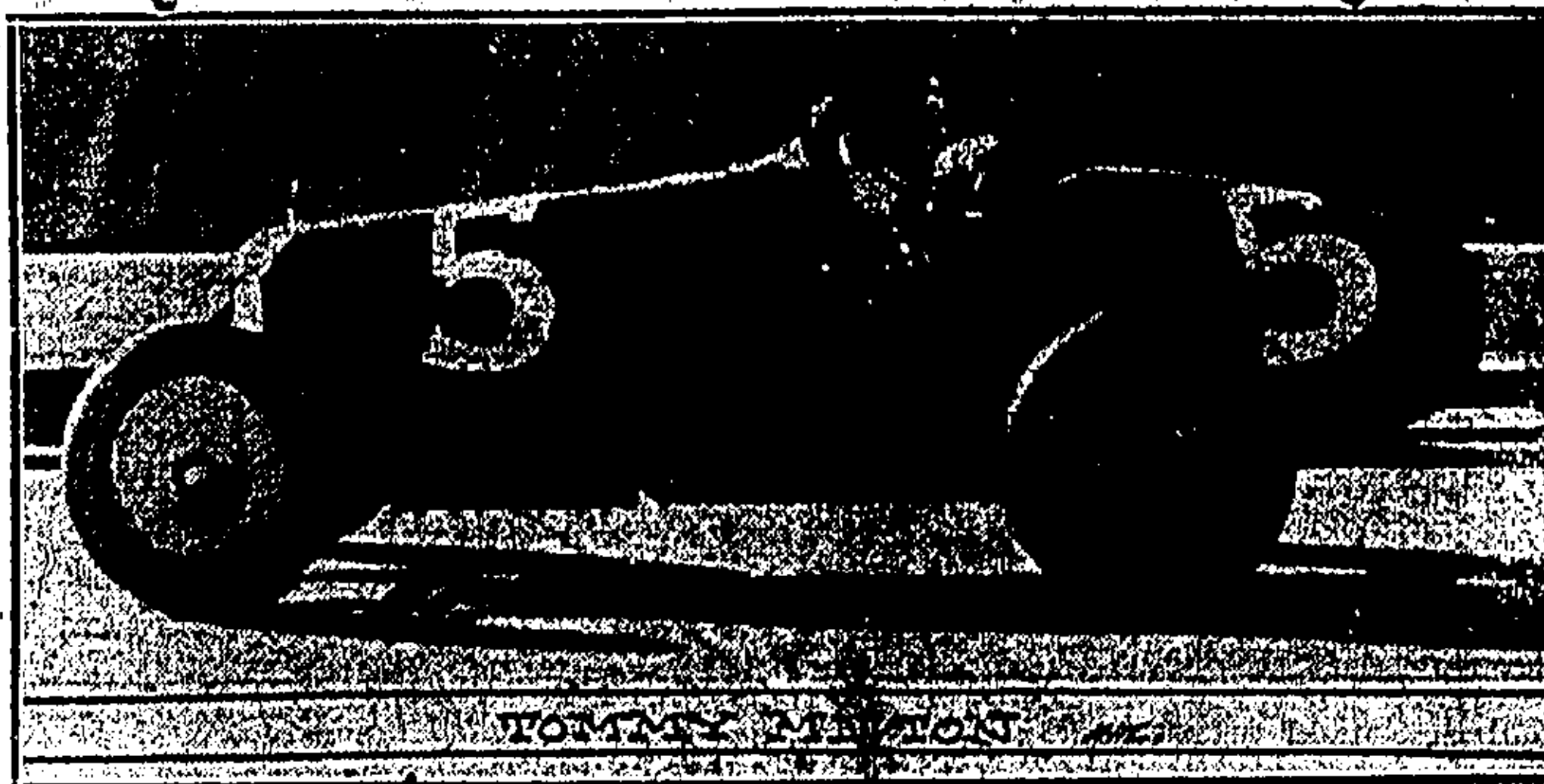
U. S. BATTLESHIPS.

THEIR GUN ELEVATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 7. The Senate has adopted Mr. Gerry's resolution asking Mr. Hughes for information whether a foreign Power had protested against the gun elevation on American battleships.

WORLD'S RECORDS BROKEN.



Circling the new Culver City speedway, Tommy Milton, driving a car with a one hundred and twenty-two cubic inch motor, was officially timed as he negotiated ten laps on the mile and a quarter track at the rate of one hundred and thirty-one and one-tenth miles an hour, breaking all world's speed records on a board track.

GERMAN PROTEST.

SEEKS DETAILS OF ALLIED COMPLAINTS.

COLOGNE QUESTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 7. A German Note to the Allies protests against the decision not to evacuate Cologne, and demands at the earliest a communication giving details of the Allied complaints. It says that the Allies could claim the right to postpone evacuation only if Germany were guilty of shortcomings, the importance of which corresponded with the hardship of an extension of the occupation.

The Note insists that Germany has been disarmed so completely that she can no longer be a military factor in European affairs, and concludes:—The differences of opinion arising over the Evacuation Treaty, which result in one-sided dictation, cannot be interpreted as lack of goodwill on the part of Germany, whereas, if the Allies continued to be guided by the spirit of the London Conference, a settlement would be speedily reached.

ARMAMENTS.

AN AIR RACE DEVELOPED.

AMERICA'S POSITION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, January 6. Admitting that the armament race has developed into an air armament race, Mr. John W. Weeks, Secretary for War, has informed the House of Representatives' Committee which is investigating the aircraft industry that, although the Army Bill recommended the record sum of \$16,000,000, it is insufficient to maintain an adequate air force.

Mr. Weeks is opposed to the unification of the Army and Navy air services. He recommended the building-up of commercial aviation, even to the point of a subsidy, as the best means of developing an adequate reserve force.

LATEST BURGLARY.

THE BIG COUP AT LOCK HING'S CURIO SHOP.

IMPORTANT CLUES.

GANG STILL IN THE COLONY.

Owing to the faintness of the finger-prints on the walls and furniture of Messrs. Lock Hing's establishment, the Criminal Intelligence Department has not been able to connect the gang which carried out the burglary there on Tuesday night with the culprits who perpetrated the wholesale ransacking of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co.'s shop of two big floors during the week-end.

However, by studying the clues obtained, the police detectives have been able to arrive at certain conclusions concerning one of the gang, who was probably the first to get through the window at Lock Hing's. So as not to hamper the officers in their inquiries, details cannot be given.

As the burglars knew that the coup would be discovered early yesterday morning when the shop opened for business, and that cheques could not be cashed till 10 a.m., they did not present the cheques and complicate order for comparatively small amounts, for payment at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Nothing has come to light regarding the fate of the bundles of title deeds for padd-fields and promissory notes made out to the firm, which are valued at over \$50,000.

It is deduced that the gang has not left the Colony. In the interval the police cordon is tightening and, with reasonable good luck, the culprits might be brought to book.

In this morning's police report, the value of jewellery, goods, etc. and money stolen, is given at \$8,541.75.

A full report of the daring robbery was given in yesterday's "China Mail."

"EMDEN."

FAMOUS CRUISER REPLACED.

LAUNCHING CEREMONY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 7.

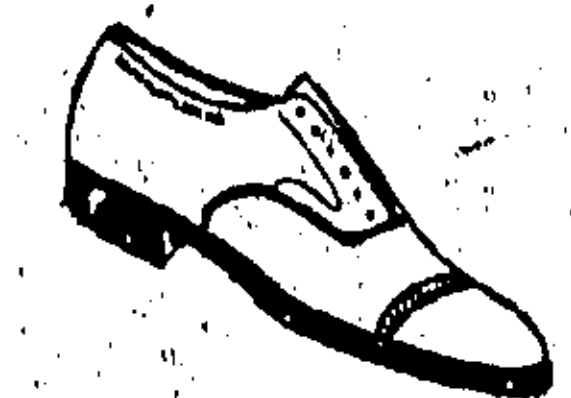
The new German cruiser "Emden," of 6,000 tons, with a speed of 29 knots, and carrying eight 15-centimetre guns, has been launched at Wilhelmshaven. The new cruiser has been named in memory of the famous cruiser sunk by H.M.S. "Sydney."

[The original "Emden" was a light cruiser and famous commerce raider belonging to Admiral von Spee's Pacific squadron. Early in the war she was detached to prey on British commerce in the East. Having eluded the Japanese warships lying in wait for her by rigging up a fourth funnel and displaying the British flag, she appeared in the Bay of Bengal early in September, 1914, and within a week had captured seven large merchantmen and cut off all sea communication between India and Burma. Afterward her operations were extended to the Indian Ocean with equal success.

The device of a dummy funnel was again resorted to, to enable her to enter the harbour of Penang, where she torpedoed and sank the Russian cruiser "Temtchug," also sinking the French destroyer "Mousquetaire" outside the harbour. On November 9 she was caught and driven ashore on the Cocos Islands by the Australian cruiser "H.M.S. 'Sydney.'" During her brief career of two months the "Emden" captured 17 British merchant vessels, valued in the aggregate at \$2,211,000. Incidentally raising the price of Indian tea by 2d. a lb., paralysing the jute trade, and largely increasing the cost of rubber and tin.]

The Gymkhana Club held their half-yearly meeting last week when a profit was reported of nearly \$5,000 up to the close of the season in September. The new grandstand cost up to that date \$27,000 and since completion the trial has worked out at less than \$50,000.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1924.

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Jan. 13.—N. Y. K. Kamo Maru.

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Jan. 10.—U. S. S. B. Tiki.

FROM BOMBAY.

Jan. 8.—N. Y. K. Tiki.

FROM CALCUTTA.

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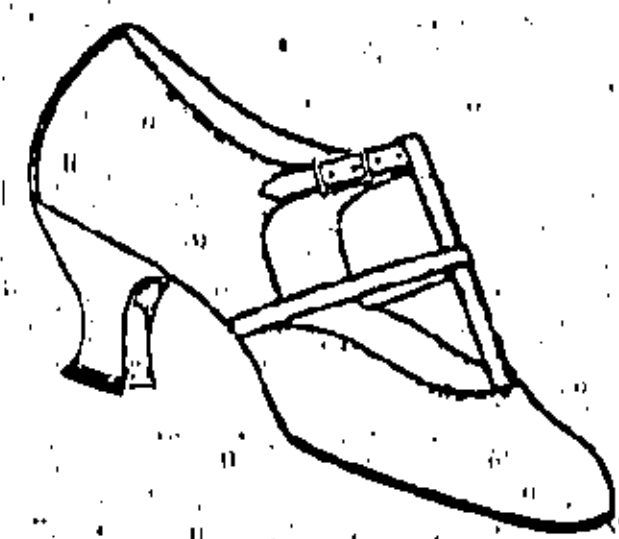
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HONGKONG'S GOVERNOR.

When His Excellency the Governor mentioned the other day that his time in Hongkong was "getting short" it was only to be expected that rumour would soon become busy with the choice of a possible successor. Although Sir Edward Stubbs has still nearly nine months to serve in Hongkong and has expressed his willingness to accept another term here, rumour has already nominated a new governor for the Colony. This is Sir John Bradbury, the financial expert, whose name figured in the New Year Honours List for a barony, presumably in recognition of his services to the Empire as our chief reparations envoy. According to a London paper, when Sir John Bradbury's present office expires, he is "due" for a colonial governorship, and Hongkong is considered the most likely choice. Before the Colony need take this rumour seriously, however, it must be satisfied that Sir Edward Stubbs' term will not be extended. Latest inquiries in Hongkong official circles show that nothing definite has yet been decided. Even when the matter is finally settled no announcement is likely to be made until June or July, and it would not be without precedent, should Sir Edward Stubbs leave Hongkong, for a temporary successor to be appointed. Consequently it will be seen that any forecasts regarding possible successors of Sir Edward Stubbs are still entirely premature. Taking the rumour upon its merits, however, we may note that Sir John Bradbury being a financial expert, it has this much probability, the present Governor of the Straits Settlements, Sir Laurence Guillemard, was appointed from the post of Chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise. But against this must be set the fact that if Sir John Bradbury is

"due" for a colonial governorship as a reward for arduous services to his country, an Australian governorship is usually considered more of a sinecure than a colonial governorship in a climate sometimes almost tropical. Moreover, as we pointed out when Dr. Macnamara, then Minister of Labour, was mentioned as a possible Hongkong governor over two years ago, the work in Hongkong does not call for special abilities, such as Dr. Macnamara's knowledge of education or Sir John Bradbury's mastery of finance, but requires broad administrative powers backed by experience of the Colony's peculiar problems. Doubtless Sir John Bradbury might prove a very able administrator—he is certainly a man of great judgment, witness his skilful handling of the delicate reparations negotiations—but if he were selected to succeed Sir Edward Stubbs he would arrive here just when the Colony's peculiar problems, such as the big development works, would be coming to a head. Besides this, knowing nothing about episodes like the seamen's strike, the military lands deal and the housing problem, he would be severely handicapped in the work of piloting the Colony through the trials of the next five or six years. Furthermore, Sir Edward Stubbs having placed the Colony's finances upon a very sound basis, Sir John Bradbury's special knowledge would be largely useless. But all this is taking the rumour far more seriously than it deserves. Sir Edward Stubbs is ready to stay here and the unofficial members of both our Councils have petitioned the Colonial Office for him to remain. These facts, coupled with the general desire of the Colony that he should serve another term here, are so strong as to make all talk of a successor, just now anyway, very premature indeed.

Pity The Bachelor.

Yesterday's editorial dealt with a rather unpleasant incident in regard to the issue of invitations to the Press for the annual Ball organised by the Hongkong St. George's Society and although the matter is now closed so far as the "China Mail" is concerned, the present would not be an inopportune time to draw attention to some of the anomalies which arise out of the present system of issuing invitations to members of societies upon the occasion of the annual Balls. The idea underlying this system is, presumably, that the Hongkong bachelor is either in the happy position of having unlimited supplies of £s.d. at his disposal or else that by penalising him for his freedom he may be brought to see the error of his ways in attempting to face singly the difficulties which, in greater or less degree, fall to the lot of everyone in this "vale of tears." If as a member, he wishes to attend one of the Balls which are a standing feature of the social life of the Colony—and this will be expected of him if he moves in certain spheres—he is called upon to pay a very large sum for

himself and a slightly lesser, but still very considerable, amount for every single friend he may invite; whereas a married man who is a one ticket and a married man member may take his family on who is not a member may in certain cases take his family on one ticket obtained for him by a member. Now this is distinctly unfair on the poor bachelor, and it is no argument to say that because he has submitted so far he has thus signified his acquiescence. It does not follow that because he goes to the ball he can obviously afford the expense. Often, if the truth were known, it is a case of not being able to afford the expense but of raking the money up from somewhere to do the "proper thing." However, that is beside the main point at issue which is "Why should a single man bear financially, upon his shoulders the burden of another man's family at a social function?" Juniors, when they first make their acquaintance with the Colony, are often warned against the evils of running into debt; but the matter we have raised here is surely not conducive to their keeping on the right side of their incomes.

Opium Conferences.

There is no doubt that the International Opium Conference, which opens at Geneva on the 12th inst., will attract considerable interest particularly, of course, amongst the moralists, who are ever prone to dictate to others what should be drunk or eaten or smoked. The anti-opium crusade has been raging so long that one would have imagined that its followers would by now have grown weary of their attempts to interfere with Chinese custom, even though in their opinion such custom may be technically construed as a curse. But all that has been said and written against the opium habit has never been justified by actual facts and statistics. Thus, take the report of the committee appointed towards the end of 1923 to investigate the position in regard to the use of prepared opium in British Malaya. That committee, in its report, pointed to "considerable disagreement" amongst the doctors. Seven of the nine medical witnesses had little or nothing to say against the moderate smoker, while two asserted that mental, moral and physical ruin must result from the habit. Not one of them claimed to be able to distinguish the moderate smoker by his appearance, and only two considered that it affects capacity for labour, their estimates of loss of efficiency being as wide apart as 50 per cent. and 15 per cent. One medical man stated that "the free sale of opium and the ease with which the drug may be obtained constitute temptations to suicide." The official records of suicides in Singapore and Penang in recent years do not, however, support this opinion. The use of opium as a means of suicide is rare; in the 465 cases covered by the return only 19, or 4 per cent., were due to opium. The Committee held "that it is not proved that the habit must result in a steadily increasing dosage, as is commonly accepted to be the case with drug habits practised in some countries. Indeed we consider that there is no justification for comparing the opium smoking habit amongst Chinese with the abuse of deleterious drugs obtaining in some countries out of Asia. We feel that the weight of evidence indicates that an indulgence of a sedative nature, such as the opium habit, has done relatively little harm to the welfare of the community as a whole, and we must confess to a fear that compulsory abandonment of that habit might well result in the substitution of more harmful relaxations. We are glad to find that the disease is not so desperate as to demand desperate remedies." If moralists and meddlers must have a spare-time hobby, it is patent that they must give opium a rest!

SEEING CHILE.

AMERICAN GENERAL
ON TOUR.
(Reuter's American Service.)

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Jan. 7.
General Pershing, accompanied by a number of distinguished military and naval officers from the United States have arrived here. They will be the guests of the Government.
Various receptions and festivities will be held in honour of the party, which will subsequently visit South Chile.

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ARMED ROBBERIES.

TWO WOMEN GAGGED AND
CASH STOLEN.
DEPOSIT RECEIPTS MISSING.

On the pretence of being water-carriers, two men gained easy access to the first floor of No. 36, Battery Street, at dawn yesterday. The men soon disclosed their true colours when the occupants, a widow and another woman, were huddled into the kitchen and gagged.
Placing one man on guard, the other got together money and jewellery to the value of \$425 before sneaking away with his companion.
Two deposit receipts for \$3,000 each, left in a box from which the robbers obtained the greater part of their haul, were also found missing.

INMATES COVERED.

A firewood dealer's store at No. 32, Irving Street was entered into yesterday by three men who gave the appearance of being customers. Tendering 20 cents, one of the men received a bundle of wood. Throwing the bundle away, the man suddenly pounced on the neck of the master of the shop, forcing him to the ground.
The other two men covered the inmates, a woman and a boy, with a revolver, and escaped after securing money and jewellery to the value of \$242.

"PACK OF LIES."

CHINESE WOMAN AND
INDIAN POLICE.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith, at the Central Magistracy this morning, Tsol Kwei-hin, clerk in a commercial firm, was charged with acting in a disorderly manner while under the influence of liquor at Connaught Road, Central, yesterday. The wife of the man was also charged with obstructing two Indian policemen in the execution of their duty.

The two policemen claimed to have been assaulted by the female accused, the attacks being mostly directed against their arms.

The second accused characterized the stories of the policemen as a "pack of lies," and she gave a graphic description of the way in which those who are unfortunate enough to fall into the hands of Indian policemen are alleged to be treated on route to the police station. She denied assaulting the policemen, and questioned its possibility. The mission she was engaged upon at the moment, she said, was the far more important one of conveying her husband to home and safety.

Fines of \$5 and \$10, respectively, were imposed on the two accused.

INCOMING MAILS.

NEARLY A NEW RECORD
ESTABLISHED.

If the "President Wilson" had arrived at noon, as was anticipated, to-day would have been almost a record one for the Post Office, which, as it is, will have to cope with three lots of mails from Britain in the course of the day.

On the "Empress of Russia," which arrived this morning, there were two mails from Britain, one via Canada and the other via Siberia—425 bags in all—the dates of leaving being December 6 and 12, respectively. What was not delivered of these by the 10 o'clock post was disposed of by the noon delivery.

On the "Morea," which should arrive about three o'clock, there will be letters and papers, dated London, December 11, and parcels of December 4. Delivery of letters will be made between five o'clock and six to-night if the "Morea" keeps to time; newspapers will have to wait until to-morrow morning.

QUEEN HELEN.

ROYAL SALUTE TO-DAY.

The salute fired at noon to-day and the dress of the war-ships in the harbour is in accordance with an established naval custom of observing the birthdays of Royalities, even though they may not be British, when a warship of that country is in a British Harbour at the time.

To-day is the birthday of Queen Helen of Italy and as the Italian cruiser, "San Giorgio," is in the harbour, the Italian ensign is flying from the main mast of the British ships, which are in full regalia.

The Prince of Wales has been admitted to the membership of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh.
Various receptions and festivities will be held in honour of the party, which will subsequently visit South Chile.
The Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught arrived at Bombay on December 10, on the "Calcutta," and were welcomed by the Governor and Lady Wilson.

"MANY HANDS."

HOW CONTRACTS ARE
PASSED ON.
—AN ABSCONDER.

A striking instance of the number of hands through which pass contracts which are let out to Chinese firms by European firms was that concerning a contract for the laying of pipes, a dispute concerning which was heard before Mr. Justice H. Gompertz in the Summary Court this morning.

The Kwong Shun Fat firm claimed \$237.25 for work done and materials supplied against Ching Shu and Leung Hung-Kit.
Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for the former of these two defendants, said that the contract had first of all come to his client through Dodwell and Co. Ltd. and he had transferred it to the second defendant, who in his turn had employed the plaintiff.

The negotiations were carried out through the second defendant and when he applied for payment he was given the money by the first defendant. It appeared that he had absconded without paying the man he had employed.

Evidence given by the managing partner of the plaintiff firm was to the effect that when he asked either of the defendants for the money he was referred to the other.

Judgment for the defendant, whom Mr. Russ represented, was given after the evidence had been heard, and the case against the absconding man was adjourned as service of writ could not be proved.

"THE HILL BILLY."

JACK PICKFORD IN HIS
OWN PHOTOPLAY.

"The Hill Billy," which comes to the Star to-day, is an original story of the Kentucky mountains and the young mountain folk of more than two decades ago, written by the young star, Jack Pickford, himself, his celebrated sister, Mary Pickford, and Marion Jackson, the writer.

Lucille Rickson, sixteen-year-old star and Hollywood's youngest leading female role opposite Jack. George Hill, who was associated with the famous director, D. W. Griffith, for a long time, and with the late George Loane Tucker, who created "The Miracle Man," directed the picture.

Miss Pickford and her brother, Jack, have admirably tinted the scenes of the story with the wistful feelings and longings of a young mountaineer, whose mind rises above the narrow confines of life in the hill regions.

In the leading rôle, Jack forgets the part in his hair, the stiff collar, the tuxedo, and appears in tattered garb and bare feet, in that characterization of American youth, which has endeared him to the hearts of the motion picture public.

In addition to more than the average sisterly and brotherly affection between these leaders in screen work, Miss Pickford feels she owes this present service to Jack because of his aid to her in a directorial capacity in two of her big feature successes, "Through the Back Door" and "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

For nearly two years Jack Pickford was not seen on the screen, and in this time he was with his famous sister as one of her film directors. Then he decided to return to the screen, not only as a star, but as an independent producer. The smashing success of his first venture in his combined field, "Garrison's Finish," which quickly proved its box office and audience value, shows the wisdom of his decision.

CEMENT SHARES.

FIRMER TONE PROBABLE.

Ice House Street was quiet generally this morning, there being no stock with movements of any importance.

Interest continues in Cements, which showed a weakening tendency yesterday. After \$29 for "combined" shares earlier in the week, they have slumped to about \$27½.

This morning they were quoted by one exchange at \$28½ nominal and another exchange at \$27¾ to \$28 sales. It was felt that a firm tone would again set in. According to one broker, business could possibly be done at \$28¼ for cash and \$29 for March.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON TEAM.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon F. C. in their league match (2nd. Div.) v. University, on the Navy "A" ground, on Saturday next, kick-off 2.30 p.m., sharp:—C. Stewart; W. Parzani; B. Rasmussen; A. W. Brown (Capt.); C. Cavellie; S. Randle; C. Morris; A. Latham; C. Millard; A. Fitzgerald and A. Spary. Reserves: W. H. Brown, N. Trambitzky and A. Kirby.

PREMYSLAV.

WELCOME BACK TO HONGKONG.
TWO CONCERTS HERE.



Local musicians who have been looking forward to the concerts by Mr. and Mrs. Premyslav, will be interested to know that the talented couple arrived this morning by the s.s. "Empress of Russia" after an extraordinary successful tour of Japan and Northern China.

In every city in Japan and China they created a furore, drawing crowded houses everywhere, and being acclaimed by musical critics as artists on a pinnacle of their own. In Japan they have no fewer than 20 concerts, each more successful than the other; whilst they also had the distinction of playing before the Crown Prince of Japan, who graciously presented them with two valuable lacquer boxes as a souvenir of their visit.

Writing of their performance in Shanghai, the "North China Daily News" said: "We have heard many great violinists, but none with great mastery of his instrument, none more eloquent, none more satisfying, none with greater musicianly feeling than Leopold Premyslav."

Eugenie Premyslav, wonderful artist, what can be said beyond the fact that one hardly realised the cello capable of such depth of emotional expression.

Two concerts have been arranged for Hongkong—one in the City Hall on Saturday, 10th inst., and one in the Star Theatre on Monday, 12th inst., at both of which Mr. and Mrs. Premyslav will have the assistance of M. Harry Ore, the well-known local pianist and composer. It should be needless on our part to bespeak crowded houses on these occasions—a city that is proud of its musical standard needs no urging to hear really celebrated artists.

Following concerts in Hongkong, Peking, etc., Mr. and Mrs. Premyslav will proceed in April on a tour of Australia and New Zealand.

ALLIED DEBTS.

BRITISH AND FRENCH
CONFERENCE.

SEEKING SOLUTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 7.

A communiqué states that Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and M. Clementel unofficially exchanged views on the whole question of the inter-allied debts. No experts were present.

After the interview the Finance Conference held its first meeting. The proceedings were formal, being confined to M. Clementel's speech of welcome and Mr. Churchill's reply.

Plenty Of Talk.

Later. No details have transpired regarding the talk between Mr. Churchill and M. Clementel on the subject of inter-allied debts.

British circles are not sanguine of an early solution, and expect the discussions to continue throughout the year.

Mr. Churchill subsequently conversed with Mr. Logan regarding the American claim for reparations. Mr. Churchill, in a communiqué, says that no decision was reached on actual details, but the prospects of an early settlement are considered favourable.

An Optimist.

Later. At the opening of the inter-allied Finance Conference, M. Clementel said that he was convinced from experience that the conference would reach a unanimous solution of the problems. He emphasised the necessity of fixing the distribution of reparations, as uncertainty hindered the work of the Reparations Commission, also the Finance Ministers, who did not know how much to credit the Budgets under the head of reparations.

M. Clementel declared that the conference agenda was mostly a matter of detail. There were only three or four dominant problems, which themselves were of relatively secondary importance compared with the fundamental agreement reached in London.

Europe's Prosperity.

Mr. Churchill, replying, endorsed M. Clementel's remarks about the limited technical character of much of the work before them, adding: "Hope flies on wings and international conference plod afterword along roads, but the conviction exists that progress is being made toward the unity and prosperity of Europe."

Mr. Churchill declared that nothing would be done which

OPEN WINDOW.

GIVES EASY ACCESS TO
THIEF.

GUILT ADMITTED.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a Chinese was charged with the theft of a marble clock, crystal stand, cocktail shaker, and 40 gramophone records, the property of Mrs. C. M. Ribeiro, residing at No. 6, Carnarvon Road.

Mrs. Ribeiro stated that the loss was reported to her by her servant the next morning. She believed the thief entered through the parlour window, which was left open.

It was stated by Sub-Inspector Wilson that the accused was seen in Temple Street yesterday attempting to pawn one of the articles, which led to suspicion and his arrest.

The accused pleaded guilty, and sentence was deferred until tomorrow morning, as another charge will possibly be preferred against him for returning from banishment.

ALLEGED RECEIVER.

In connection with the same case, another Chinese was charged with receiving the articles, believing them to have been stolen.

The accused entered a plea of not guilty, and stated that the man involved in the first case, after being arrested by a detective, was brought to the servants' quarters at No. 6, Chatham Street, where accused lived, and told to bring out the stolen articles. The other man was admitted into his quarters at 3 o'clock yesterday morning with the articles in his possession, but beyond being suspicious he was not aware that the goods had been stolen.

The accused was discharged as no case had been made out against him.

would not show that this conviction was well founded. He stated that, though the interests of the different Allies were conflicting, each was bound to present its own case. All would remember that indissoluble comradeship was more important than the exact achievement from a particular viewpoint. Doubtless larger issues in the background awaited decision and agreement, but the immediate path would not be encumbered with these. They must so handle business as to disperse minor obstructions and create a spirit and atmosphere which would bring a solution nearer than the Allies in Europe would.

COMING HERE.

THIS YEAR'S TOURIST
INVASION.

AN AUSTRALIAN "DRIVE."

Melbourne, November 28.—What may be described as a "Tourist Drive" is about to be initiated in the Commonwealth, and the interested sections comprise South Africa, Java, Malaya and China.

A new passenger service is to be established early this year whereby Java, Singapore, and Malaya, hope to see, in the case of the first named, more tourists than at present visit the Dutch East Indies, and the last two, Australians come to regard those areas as ideal holiday resorts in the Orient. Some ten years ago gentlemen from these parts, on the discontinuance of the special Ceylon tourist effort in the Commonwealth, visited Australia, and got in the ground work at least of what promised to be an interesting development.

The war, of course, stopped everything. Now work has been resumed, and a private cable message from Singapore indicates an important development in the trade between Australia and the Malay Peninsula. It is learned that the Ellerman and Bucknall Steamship Co., Ltd., which already conducts a purely cargo line, formerly run by the Australian Commonwealth shipping concern, between Australian ports, and Singapore, has decided to establish a regular monthly service of passenger steamers early in the New Year.

The steamers "City of Palermo," and "Malatia," which have been running in the Ellerman and Bucknall line service between England and Africa, will inaugurate the Singapore-Australia service, taking the place of the vessels already employed, and carrying only first-class passengers. Sydney will be the Australian terminal port, but Melbourne, Adelaide, and Fremantle are included in the itinerary, and Sourabaya and Batavia in the Dutch East Indies. The Singapore and F.M.S. authorities are to embark on a publicity campaign, but whether a bureau will be opened in Sydney has not yet been decided.

AN AMERICAN INVASION.

It is estimated that about 2,300 American tourists will be visiting the Far East on round-the-world tourist ships during the next six months. The first to come out, with about 500 passengers, will be the "Belgenland," of the Star Line, a ship of 27,500 tons gross. She is due to reach Japan in the middle of January under charter to the American Express Company. After leaving Japan calls will be made at Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Batavia, Singapore, Diamond Harbour, Calcutta, Colombo, Bombay, Port Sudan, Port Tewfik, Alexandria, Naples, Monaco, and Gibraltar, and she is due in New York on April 16. The ship is here about a week or so later than any of the company's ships on previous visits.

Among three other tourist ships to follow are the steamer "California," which will bring about 800 Americans early in charge of Mr. Frank Clark of New York; the steamer "Frankonia," in charge of Thos. Cook and Son, bringing about 500 tourists, and the steamer "Empress of France," of the Canadian Pacific Line, on which about 500 Americans will tour the Far East in the latter part of April. The Thos. Cook party will come by way of the Suez Canal.

COURT REBUKE.

CHIEF JUSTICE AND
BARRISTER.

Mr. N. I. Brewer, barrister, was severely censured by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, in the Supreme Court yesterday. In the course of the evidence it was stated that Mr. Brewer had replied to a letter written by the plaintiff to the Tai Kai firm, and His Lordship, in giving judgment, said it surprised him very much to hear of a local barrister directly advising a client, and on further thought his surprise had not diminished. He understood that no question falling within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court should be dealt with directly, though he understood it could be in Summary Court cases. He thought it undesirable and unnecessary and regretted that any member of the Bar should have impinged upon the territory which belonged to a profession fully capable of dealing with matters of the kind. His Lordship gave judgment for defendants, without costs, and exonerated those engaged on behalf of the defendants in Court from blame.

PACIFIC FLEETS.

HONGKONG'S STRATEGIC
IMPORTANCE.

WASHINGTON FACT POINTS.

Is the Washington Agreement likely to endure? asks a Home paper. This question arises naturally out of the growing evidence of dissatisfaction in the United States. One is reminded that the League of Nations was repudiated at sight in the land of its conception. On the top of the reiterated charges of bad faith against this country, now come definite proposals to the Senate to sanction the increase of fire elevation and the conversion to oil fuel of all the earlier battleships. The allegations of bad faith may be mere political propaganda, but the proposals to the Senate, if sanctioned, would constitute a definite breach of the Washington Agreement, and it is not wholly unlikely that this is the real end in view.

That America has failed to maintain her relative naval position is no fault of the Washington Treaty. The true reason for the dissatisfaction which is being rather demonstratively voiced must be sought elsewhere than in the eyewash of comparisons with the British Navy. The fact is that Japan stole a march upon America when she carried her point that neither the Philippines nor Guam should be developed as battleship bases. With a similar prohibition imposed upon us in the case of Hongkong, Japan remains the only Power possessing a modern naval base in the Pacific. The only way in which America can alter this is to violate the Washington Agreement. If she does this, in a minor way, such as by modernising old ships, one of another of the signatory Powers is most likely to respond, and then the ground would be laid for declaring the Agreement void.

There is no reason, however, to assume that such a result would be the inevitable signal for an outburst of competition of armaments. The Washington Agreement is so far ineffective as it stands that it virtually bears full scope for rivalry in everything except capital ships and big guns. All the naval Powers are now building cruisers, destroyers and submarines to their hearts' content. Where competition would at once manifest itself is in the development of the prohibited strategic points. I am not sure that this would not be a good thing. America fully prepared in the Pacific seems to me a better guarantee of peace than America quite unable to prevent the seizure of Manila and Guam on the outbreak of hostilities.

'SUPERIOR' PEOPLE.

'CRANKS' BLIND TO THE
WORLD'S WISDOM.

If I were a Persian who had invented a new religion, or a South Sea Islander who had invented a new dance, or a Bolshevik sculptor, or a Peruvian Anarchist, or anything bizarre, foreign, and essentially idiotic, I should be received in London by a coterie of admirers and led round, like a tame bear, to all sorts of absurd meetings and drawing-room parties, writes John Blunt in the "Daily Mail."

But if my name happened to be Smith and I had done well in the war and had fallen on evil times through no fault of my own, then all the advanced people, searching for the higher life, would take no notice of me at all and leave me to starve.

BIZARRE SOCIETIES.

England is full of superior people whose great aim in life is to befriended every kind of exotic crank and humbug because in their vain emptiness they simply have not sufficient imagination or humanity to realise that charity begins at home and that plain Smith may be a much more interesting and genuine person than the latest mystic from China.

This type of person is always buying himself or herself on trivial and obscure committees or lending his name or her name to fantastic "movements," for thereby they think they are finding their souls while, at the same time, irritating their bourgeois neighbours. Just as they are the friends of every country save their own, so are they the supporters of every cause which would be laughed out of existence on its own merits. They glory in being above prejudices, but they are the most hopelessly prejudiced and small-minded people on earth, for the great things of life are, unperceived by them and they are the victims of their own insufferable conceit.

LINER'S MISHAP.

"WILSONS" PROPELLER
DEFECT.

DUE HERE AT 9 P.M.

A wireless message has been received in Hongkong from the President Wilson, the Pacific Mail line, which was due to arrive in Hongkong from the North at noon to-day, that it is believed that a blade of the propeller has been dropped and that it will not be possible for port to be made until nine o'clock to-night. On enquiry at the local offices of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, the "China Mail" was informed that not even those on board knew exactly what had happened; all that was known was that a propeller defect of some sort was impeding progress and that the intention was for the liner to be towed into Taikoo Dock on its arrival. If it were found that there was a blade missing, the liner would in all probability be fitted out with a new one in about twenty-four hours.

CHINA EVENTS.

A SERIOUS WAVE AGAINST
FOREIGNERS.

(Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

The "North-China Daily News" gives prominence to an article stating that it is impossible to ignore the fact that there is a serious wave of anti-foreign and anti-Christian feeling sweeping across China. Unless this fact is faced frankly grave results may ensue. Four years ago, foreigners in the interior noted the growth of an anti-foreign feeling, and at intervals since from many different places the same feeling has been reported with growing emphasis.

The article instances the student strikes in Hunan, which took a bitterly anti-Christian turn, Bible being torn up and scattered over the school grounds and it states that symptoms closely resembling those of the Boxer year are reported from Shanghai.

The writer attributes the causes of this feeling to the failure of the present rulers, who are attempting to deflect the popular wrath from themselves to foreigners, and also to the large growth of Christianity recently and to the Bolshevik poison.

The "North-China Daily News," in an editorial on the same subject, says that many men, who are not given to exaggerate, express the opinion that an explosion is inevitable, shortly. The present propaganda appears to be part of a widespread movement working for the general repudiation of the treaties.

The paper asks: "What is the Diplomatic Body doing? Will the stone take them as completely by surprise as that of 1900? The question is instant, because the looting of trains, robberies and treaty violations have shown whether the spirit of political China is tending."

Peking, Jan. 7.

No definite indication of Feng Yu-hsiang's intention has yet been received, although the Government expects his compliance with recent mandates.

It is again reported that Tung Shao-yi will accept the portfolio of Foreign Affairs, but he will first attend the Conference.

It is stated that the yamen of the North-West Frontier will be at Peking, while the co-Directors' yamen will be Paochen. The regulations governing the latter yamen are being drafted.

Sun Yueh-arrived yesterday, accompanied by his Division, which is quartered at Nanyuan, Changhsien.

Sun Yueh is faced with giving up his post of Civil Governor of Honan or disbanding his troops, as Mr. Ching-yi does not want Sun Yueh's men in Honan, while Li Ching-ling objected to their remaining inside the Chihli border.

It is stated to-day that Sun Yueh will probably be offered the post of Assistant Director of Military Affairs in Chihli.

The Chinese Press reports that Tuan Chi-jui has sent a special invitation to Feng Yu-hsiang to participate in the Rehabilitation Conference, which Feng Yu-hsiang has declined.

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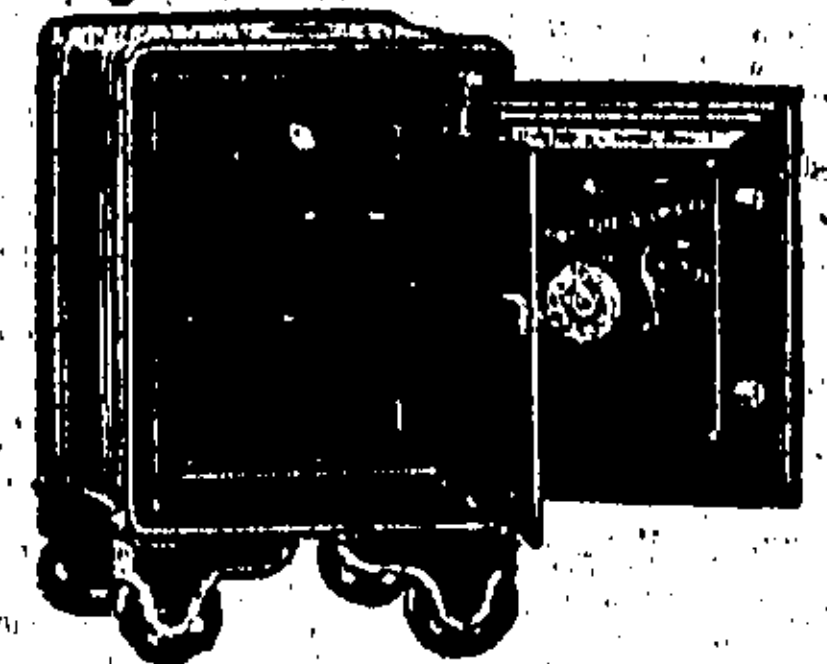
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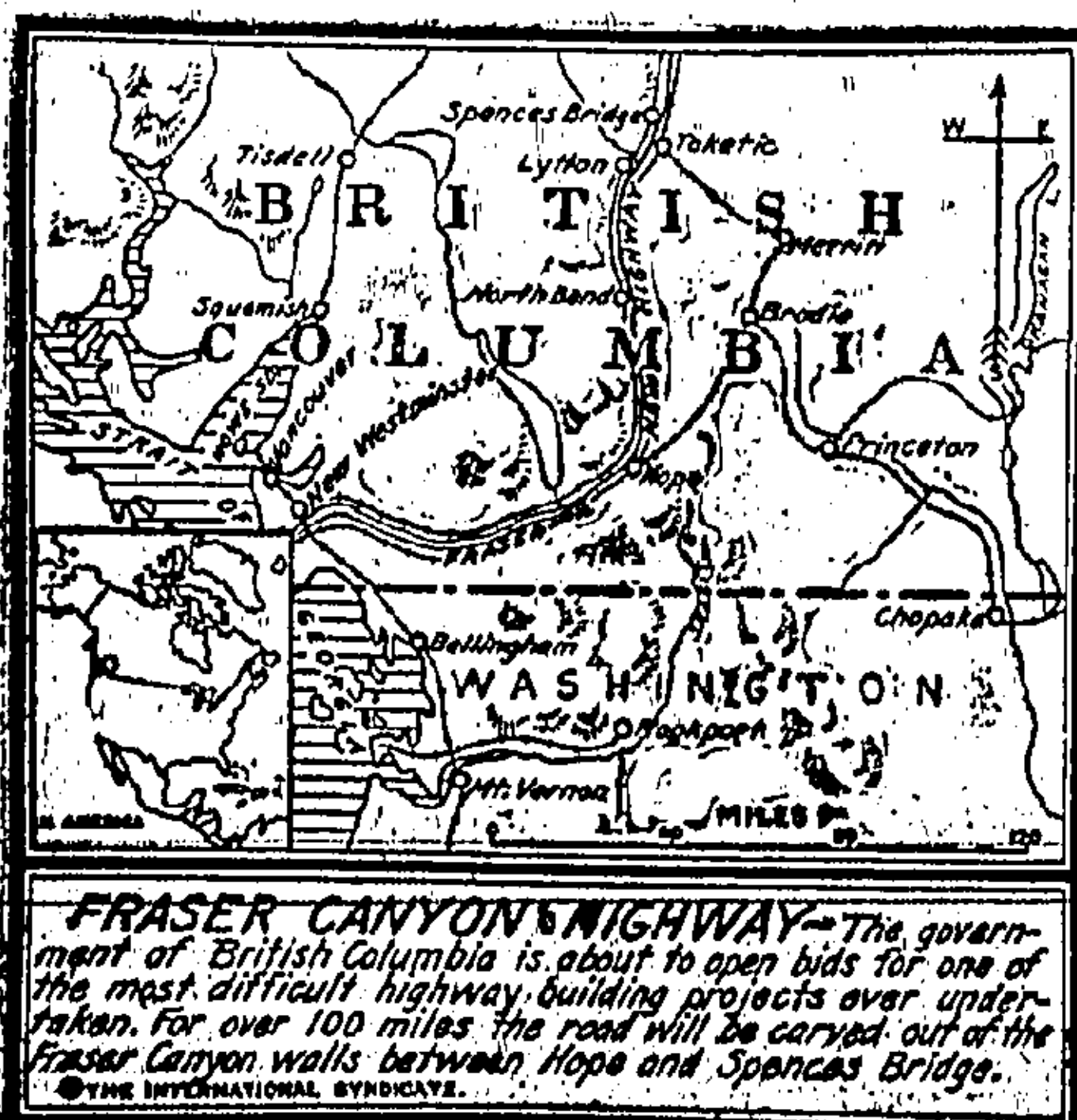
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

During the last voyage of the
"Empress of Russia" to Hong-
kong, a fireman on board the vessel
died of heart failure and a steerage
passenger succumbed to narcotic
poisoning.

The cost of living, according to
figures published by the Ministry
of Labour, rose 1 per cent. in
November, and on December 1,
was approximately 81 per cent.
above that of July, 1914.

Although the Marine Magis-
trate (Lieut.-Commander G. F.
Hole, R.N.) considered the offence
serious, he fined an Indian anti-
piracy guard of the Hongkong
Canton steamer "Charles
Hardouin" only \$1 or three
days' imprisonment for being
absent from his ship without
leave. His Worship was informed
that the guard was new to his
duties, that he bore an excellent
character, and that he stood well in
the eyes of the ship's captain.
Accordingly, he was leniently
dealt with.

The departure of the cruiser
"Vindictive" to relieve the
"Diomedes" in the China Squadron
has been deferred until early in
the New Year. The vessel, which is
a sister-ship to the China flag-ship,
"Hawkins," was launched as the
"Cavendish." She was then convert-
ed to serve as an aircraft carrier,
and deprived of nearly half her
armament; and in order to per-
petuate the name of the old cruiser,
which at that time had just been
sunk at Ostend, was re-christened.
As it has cost more than \$300,000
to restore her to a cruiser, her
short aircraft career was rather an
experiment, remarks a Home
paper.

Displacing 8,000 tons and cap-
able of a speed of 18 knots, the
new oil burning vessel "Talanbha,"
built by the British India Steam
Navigation Company for the im-
provement of their Far Eastern
mail service, arrived in Calcutta on
December 15, with a full comple-
ment of passengers from London
including many recruits to the
Indian tea industry. Despite
heavy weather in the Bay of Biscay
and a further threatening spell
accompanied by torrential rain en
route to Madras from Colombo,
the "Talanbha" made good time on
her maiden voyage. With three
funnels she presents a trim and
graceful appearance.

The battleship "Lion" has
been cut in two at Jarrow. The
stem will go to the Derwenthaugh
yard of a shipbreaking firm, and
the stern will be towed round the
coast to Blyth for final demolition.

The Kam Ho Boarding House,
Yaumatei, were given judgment in
their favour in a case heard in the
Summary Court yesterday, when
they were sued by the Tai Tak
firm for \$345.55 in regard to goods
alleged to be sold and delivered.
Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was for
plaintiffs and Mr. Leo d'Almada
for defendants.

The first keel-plate of the new
cruiser, "Suffolk," was laid at
Portsmouth, to be followed shortly
by the "Berwick," "Cumberland,"
"Kent," and "Cornwall." The
old "Kent" it will be remembered,
was broken up at Hongkong.

The Singapore Monopolies de-
partment added to the large hauls
they have been making recently
by the capture on Christmas night
of \$50,000 worth of non-Govern-
ment chandu, which was taken by
Mr. Hyde and party, from two
men in a boat, proceeding towards
Peak Island, off Singapore.

An advertisement by the Crown
Agents in "The Times" during
last week calls for six section
engineers for the construction
branch of the F. M. S. Railways,
at an initial salary of \$400 a month.
Candidates must be "fully qual-
ified railway engineers who have
received good training and ex-
perience on recognised European,
American, or Colonial railways."

The question of the incidence
of examinations in relation to the
ending of the school year will
again come before the Board of
Education in the near future. Mr.
Wylie has given notice of the
following question: "In view of
the Chairman's observations at the
November meeting of the Board,
and in view of the existing
indefinite relations between
examination dates and what should
be the end of the School term,
would the Chairman be prepared
to recommend that the school
year end at the conclusion of the
summer term and the examinations
take place then?" The Chairman
referred to the question of the
teaching of Portuguese at the
Belilos Girls' School, mentioned
at the last meeting of the Board,
when it was left over for
consideration.

The Portuguese cruiser
"Almirante Reis," built at Elswick
in 1896, and the "Sao Gabriel,"
built in 1893, are being sold out of
service.

La Martinere School, Calcutta,
has received Rs. 5 lakhs from Sir
Paul Chatter to be invested as an
endowment fund.

A Wei-hai-wei policeman,
falling off a bunk while asleep at
the Central Police Station, sus-
tained injuries necessitating his
removal to the Government Civil
Hospital yesterday.

At Whitfield yesterday, a taxi
bumped into a Chinese "pedes-
trian," knocking him down. The
man was taken to the Government
Civil Hospital, suffering from
several injuries in the face and
neck.

A motor lorry accident oc-
curred at a crossing in Corona-
tion Road, Kowloon, yesterday,
when a Chinese married woman
was knocked down. The injuries
sustained were of such a nature
that death followed soon after.
The driver of the motor lorry has
been detained by the police.

Owing to the formation of a
class 5 at Quarry Bay School, a
fully qualified training mistress has
been appointed. Reference was
made to this at yesterday's meet-
ing of the Board of Education and
the Chairman also added that the
temporary premises now occupied
in connection with the school were
being extended.

To prevent an outbreak of
diphtheria at the Kowloon Junior
School it was stated at the Board
of Education meeting yesterday
that the following letter was sent
to parents: "It has been con-
sidered advisable that before their
return to school, all children
should have throat swabs taken
and be shown free from in-
fection." This can be arranged
through private practitioners or
by attendance at Kowloon dis-
pensary at 3 p.m. on or after
Monday, January 5. In the latter
case no fee will be charged. The
Headmistress has been instructed
to allow no pupils to return to
school except on production of a
certificate signed by a qualified
medical practitioner saying they
are free from infection." The
Chairman laid on the table the
correspondence on the subject.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Dehls H. Hazell left Hong-
kong yesterday by the s.s. "Taira"
for Singapore. He returns by the
"Taira" on January 22.

Mr. W. Makepeace, editor of the
"Singapore Free Press," is due
back from home in the near future
for his last spell in the East.

Capt. Alexander Kelly was early
last month murdered by native
robbers in Northern Nigeria. He
was an accountant in a Rangoon
Bank before he went to Nigeria.

The Rev. J. A. B. Cook is leav-
ing the Straits after forty years of
strenuous and successful mission
work among the Chinese in
Singapore and Johore.

Mr. G. N. Orme, Director of
Education for Hongkong, was
unable to be present at the Board
of Education meeting yesterday
owing to indisposition.

In the course of an interview
with a Press representative at the
Dehli Sir Harry Lawder denied the
report that he intended to retire
from the stage on the completion
of his tour.

The "Straits Echo" hears that
Mr. Geoffrey Lucksted, editor of
the "Malaya Tribune," Singapore,
who came out only a few months
ago, is shortly returning to Europe.
It is stated that he will be suc-
ceeded by his present second-in-
command, Mr. Roberts.

Mr. J. T. Newall, acting
manager of Messrs. William Jacks
and Co., has been in the Singapore
hospital for some days suffering
from the effects of a motor car
accident. It appears that one of
the back wheels of Mr. Newall's
car knocked against a kerbstone in
Katong, and the car turned half
over, Mr. Newall being thrown out
as a result.

The Princess Borghese, who was
drowned the other day in the Lake
of Garda, belonged to two great
historic families. She was the
daughter of the Duke of Ferrari
(born 1875), and was married in
1895 to Prince Borghese. A true
grande dame, with great force of
character and a large experience of
society in Italy, France, and
England, she is greatly lamented
at Rome, where she had been for
many years one of the most
prominent and esteemed leaders of
society.

Mr. E. F. Aucott has been ap-
pointed to the Board of Education
in succession to Mr. M. E. F. Airey.

The King went down to
Sandringham on November 24, by
the midday express from King's
Cross to Cambridge, and thence to
Lynn and Wolferton by special
train, and visited Queen Alexandra
at the Hall after his arrival.

Mr. Silva Netto has resigned
from the Board of Education and
his successor, who has not yet been
appointed, will serve on the Com-
mittee which was formed at the
Board of Education Committee
meeting yesterday to go into the
matter of teaching Portuguese in
the Government schools.

The following forthcoming
weddings are announced:—Sub-
Inspector John Murphy, No. 2
Police Station, to Miss Maud
Fitzpatrick, en route from Ireland
on the s.s. "Kashmir"; Sergeant
Harry Ernest Rogers, Water
Police, and Miss Eleanor Violet
Mary Purden, No. 84, Caine Road;
Mr. Charles William Langley,
Central Agency, residing at 96,
Nathan Road, and Miss Alice
Ranson, en route from Britain on
the s.s. "Patroclus."

In the absence, through indis-
position, of the Director of Educa-
tion (Mr. G. N. Orme), Mr. E.
Ralphs, the Inspector of English
Schools, conducted the proceedings
at yesterday afternoon's meeting
of the Education Board. There
were also present, Dr. A. D. Hick-
ling, M.R.E., Rev. T. W. Pearce,
O.B.E., LL.D., Capt. A. E. Watts,
Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. L. Forster, Mr.
A. R. Cavalier (Inspector of
Vernacular Schools), Mr. U. Rum-
john, Mr. E. F. Aucott and Mr.
G. P. de Martin (Secretary).

The marriage of Mr. Charles
Francis Ferguson-Davis, nephew
of the Bishop of Singapore, and
Miss Alice Clarke Newman, eldest
daughter of Henry Newman,
Chiswick, was solemnised at St.
Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by
the Ven. Archdeacon Swindell.
The bride was given away by
Mr. J. Donlevy. Mrs. George
Redfern was matron of honour,
and Mr. W. D. Hyde carried out
the duties of best man. After the
ceremony a reception was held at
Mrs. George Redfern's flat, at
Raffles Hotel, and later the happy
couple left for Penang for the
honeymoon.

Mr. R. Halloran Brown has
severed his connection with
King's College, Bangkok, and has
left for home.

Mr. John Pereira, who was in the
employ of Messrs. Moutrie and Co.,
Ltd., Kuala Lumpur, for many
years, died suddenly last week.

The wedding of Mr. J. D. Dailley,
of the F. M. S. Police, to Miss
Layard, will take place at Kuala
Lumpur on January 10.

Lieut.-Commander J. Hamilton
and Lieutenant A. E. Horrell have
arrived home from the China
Station.

Viscount Hinchinbrooke, eldest
son and heir of the Earl of
Sandwich, and a godson of
Queen Alexandra, arrived in
Hongkong this morning by the
C. P. liner "Empress of Russia."

M. Premyslav, the celebrated
violinist, and Madame Premyslav,
arrived here to-day by the s.s.
"Empress of Russia."

It is announced at Scotland Yard
that Superintendent Wensley, who
is one of the "Big Four" at Scot-
land Yard, has been appointed
Chief Constable and Chief of the
C. I. D.

A party of missionaries belong-
ing to the China Inland mission—
Mr. and Mrs. Hagman and
family, Dr. and Mrs. Williams,
Miss Hill, and Miss Root—who
arrived here on the 2nd inst. by the
s.s. "Albans" from Sydney, left
Hongkong to-day for Shanghai
for their respective posts.

Mr. F. W. Taylor, the manager
of the Kuala Selangor Oil Mills,
has gone to Europe on six months
leave. He had been in Malaya for
eleven years without a trip home.

The death has taken place at the
General Hospital, Singapore, of
Mr. Frederick Martin Campbell, a
well known planter of the Kuala
Lumpur district. The late Mr.
Campbell joined Wardburn
estate in 1906 and was there until
1921, when he went on leave, and
on his return he became manager
of the Tapan estate. Prior to tak-
ing up planting he was an em-
ploy of the Kuala Lumpur Municipal
Office. In 1919 Mr. Campbell
married a daughter of Mr. J. H. Shaw,
Assistant Surveyor General, and
Mrs. Shaw.

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January 8.—Star Theatre:

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"The Silent Call."

January 8.—World Theatre:

"Merry-Go-Round."

January 10.—Queen's Theatre:

"Within The Law."

January 10.—City Hall: Con-

cert by Eugenie and Leopold

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January, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17.

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and 17, matinee at 4.30 p.m.

January 12.—Concert at Star

Theatre, by the world-famous

Polish musicians, Eugenie and

Leopold Premyslav, 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.

January 8.—At St. Andrew's

Hall, City Hall, pianoforte recital

by Master Emil Danenberg, 5.30

p.m.

January 8.—The Hongkong

Male Voice Choir, Cathedral

Hall, 9 p.m.

January 23.—Fancy Dress

Ball in the Grill Room, Hong-

kong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

SPORTS.

January 31.—Hongkong Box-

ing Association tournament in

City Hall.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hong-

kong Jockey Club Annual Race

Meetings.

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jugs, and glass vases, 11 a.m.

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January 14.—Extraordinary

General Meeting of the Star

Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs.

Jardine, Matheson's office room,

noon.

February 2.—Twenty-seventh

annual meeting of the Star Ferry

Co., at Messrs. Jardine, Mathe-

son's, at noon.

OTHER MEETING.

January 30.—Annual meeting

of shareholders and subscribers of

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Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

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second by means of a revolving
shutter."

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ample, Mrs. Emma A. Dunn of No. 19, 7
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ton, says:

"I had a bad cold and it seemed to
settle in my legs and arms. I became
badly run down and felt weak and with-
out ambition. My blood was so thin that
I had difficulty in keeping warm. I
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appetite."

"It was my good fortune to read of
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to
try them. Then soon there was an
improvement in my condition. I con-
tinued taking the remedy until my blood
became rich and plentiful. The pains in
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well and feel stronger in every way."

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LOCAL SCHOOLS.

TEACHING OF PORTUGUESE TRIED.

EDUCATION BOARD DEBATE.

The question of teaching Portuguese at the Bellios Girls' School was again the subject matter of discussion at a meeting of the Board of Education held yesterday afternoon, the point arising as to whether the demand for it was representative of the parents or of the Portuguese community generally.

A committee was appointed to go into the matter.

The matter was raised by the Chairman who said that enquiries had been made as to whether there was any demand for the teaching of the language, but the results could not be considered as satisfactory. In order that the matter might be adequately considered, he proposed that a committee be appointed to consider the question and ascertain eventually and finally from the parents concerned whether or not they desired that Portuguese should be taught. He made that as a definite resolution.

Rev. T. W. Pearce: What means would be adopted to meet the parents or get from them a proper reply to the question?

The Chairman: I think that might be safely left to the Committee, but I should think members of the Committee would either write individually to each parent concerned or ask the parents to meet them personally. That, as I say, is a matter for the Committee.

Mr. Wylie seconded the Chairman's resolution. It would be interesting to know whether any steps had been taken to find out whether the pupils were desirous of continuing their studies in Portuguese and whether anything in the nature of an examination had been held.

The Chairman remarked that some of the pupils had expressed themselves as willing to continue.

Origin of Demand.

Rev. T. W. Pearce said that if his memory served there was a demand in the first place for the teaching of Portuguese, and the opinion of the Board was that they ought to meet as far as possible the wishes of any large section of the community in a regard to teaching their own language. It was thought to be a matter of equity and even-handed justice.

Mr. Aucton wished to know whether the demand first emanated from the parents, and the Chairman replied that it came from the Portuguese community originally.

Mr. Rumball mentioned that a meeting was held at the Lusitano Club, at which the Portuguese Consul moved that Portuguese should be taught their own language.

Mr. de Martin pointed out that the meeting was not of the parents but was representative of the Portuguese community.

Mrs. Hickling thought that it was a pious hope on the part of the Portuguese community that the language should be taught, but the language having no commercial value the parents were apparently not troubling about it.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Forster, Mr. R. Wylie, Mr. U. Rumball, Mr. G. P. de Martin and Mr. Silva Netto's successors were appointed a Committee to go fully into the matter and report to the Board.

This terminated the business of the meeting, the Chairman mentioning that the next meeting would be held in the new P. and O. building.

BUTTERFLY'S PARADISE.

ZOO GARDEN OF SUNSHINE.

FLOWERS AND HONEY.

There is a garden of warmth and sunshine at the Zoo, where all butterflies would like to go in the wintertime. It has been specially in the Caird Insect House for a colony of Red Admirals and Tortoiseshells.

Already there are a few inhabitants, and it is quite comforting to go from the cage in which the raven is eating a dead rat, or from the terrace where the Polar bear on a dream November day wallows in icy water, to this little tropical garden, where flowers are blooming, the sun is shining, and the land is flowing with milk and honey—all specially laid on by the Zoo authorities.

The garden is enclosed in a glass case, and the keeper frequently presents the butterflies with bouquets of fresh smiling flowers, sprayed with honey. He supplies them also with water, with a little Bovril added, and the mixture is imbibed by the butterflies from cotton-wool in open pans.

A pleasant hint is laid on, and the golden sunshine is provided by electric light.

One can imagine a Red Admiral coming out and saluting another admiral with the remark, "Lovely weather for November, but they tell me they are getting a lot of cold and rain round by the monkey house."

CLASSICAL DANCING.

MISS V. CAPPELL AND HER PUPILS.

CREDITABLE DISPLAY.

At the Queen's Theatre last evening a rare treat was provided for a large audience by a display of classical dancing by the pupils of Miss Violet Capell, the entertainment being in aid of the London Hospital and other charities.

Miss Violet Capell, and a combination of other local talent made up a programme which was thoroughly enjoyed. The Queen's Theatre orchestra supplied the music in a creditable way.

Miss Capell and Miss O'Keefe are to be congratulated on the excellence of the entertainment provided by them, each item of which was deservedly applauded.

The full programme was as follows:—

Ensemble: "Fading Dance" arranged by Miss D. O'Keefe—P. Capell, G. Smith, E. Meade, A. Sted, E. Moss, E. Rose.

Quartet: "Tahiti" arranged by Miss Capell—P. Capell, G. Smith, E. Meade, A. Sted, E. Moss, E. Rose.

Ensemble: "Dance" arranged by Miss D. O'Keefe—P. Capell, G. Smith, E. Meade, A. Sted, E. Moss, E. Rose.

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BULLET NOISE.

SOUNDS OF PROJECTILES AT HIGH VELOCITIES.

Inspection of the first ten stories in which bullet noise is mentioned will demonstrate that a bullet hums, whines, howls, crashes, whistles, buzzes and whispers, says Captain E. C. Crossman, writing in the "Outers' Recreation" (New York), on bullet noises.

"A fair for rifle-shooting and experimenting during twenty years of civilian life, and three years or so of intensive duty in connection with fire-arms in the army put me in position many times to observe the phenomena connected with missiles coming toward one," quotes the "Literary Digest." "Battle-field" observation is not as a rule very reliable.

A bullet does not change its sound because of being used in battle, and therefore its conditions as to range, with the addition of accurate knowledge of missile distance and other factors, we are able to make more intelligent conclusions.

WHIP-LIKE CRACK.

About the most definite proof that most of our fiction gentlemen read their fire-arms knowledge from reading other fiction, or possibly from cursory talks with gun-store clerks, is the fact that not one of them ever mentions the most characteristic sound of the modern bullet. The man who has had a long blacksnake whip cracked violently three feet from his ears would never describe the sound as a hum or a whisper nor yet a howl.

Modern cartridges drive their bullets fast enough to create a partial vacuum at the base, and the air, rushing in, makes a sharp crack, most nearly described by the vicious cracking of a long and well-handled whip. One of the most illustrative examples of this noise lay in the erosion firing we did at Miami to determine the life of machine-gun barrels with various types of powders. The gun was laid to drop the bullets into the water at the 2000-metre mark, one and a quarter miles from the gun, and in front of the observation tower. Sitting on the upper platform of the tower, the officers observing could watch the strike of the bullet, estimate its length, and accurately tell when the machine-gun barrel was wearing out.

The firing of the gun was always first announced by a sharp rattle in the receiver of the field-telephone set on the platform with us, sounding much as if somebody were "ringing on the line."

The next announcement of the coming of the bullets was a thin, sharp, crackling noise from the air between us and the gun, following the first rattle in the telephone with an interval of about five seconds. Almost on the heels of the crackling noise came the bullets, with their thudding splashes into the water, fifty yards away.

An instant later, but perceptible in its delay, came the dull, heavy, thudding rumble of the machine-gun. Wherefore even at this long range where the bullet is steadily losing out in its race with sound, the first notification of being under fire would come from the high, thin crackle of the bullets, not from any sound of the gun.

Analysing the sequence of the sounds, Captain Crossman draws the following conclusions: The bullet does not make any crackling noise after it falls in velocity to about 1,400 feet per second. This noise came from the bullets at some point short of this. The sound, from the first rattle heard over the telephone, first came from a bullet which had taken about 22 seconds to reach its practically noiseless point. It did not proceed from the bullets close to the gun, for the good reason that the bullets travel faster than sound over the first 1,600 metres. He goes on:

"PACK-PUNK"

"The boat-tail bullet requires from five and one-half to six seconds to travel 2,000 metres, hence the slight interval between sound and bullet arrival. At longer ranges the bullet arrives still farther behind its own sound, while at shorter range the bullet arrives slightly ahead of it."

"The gun noise, of course, came at the rate of 1,100 feet per second, arriving perceptibly behind bullet noise."

"At longer ranges it would arrive before the bullet—which the average fiction writer thinks is true at short range, but it is not."

"At 1,000 yards the coming of such a bullet is announced by the very sharp and vicious characteristic crack of the high velocity bullet."

"The noise of the gun comes after it with an interval of about one second, and very perceptible. The observer hears distinctly 'pack-punk!' to testify that a high velocity bullet has passed close by him. The noise of the gun is merely a dull heavy thudding sort of a sound."

"Even at 200 yards the sound interval can easily be distinguished between bullet and gun noise."

GERMAN BANKNOTES.

EFFORTS TO DEFEAT EXPERT FORGER.

The new banknotes of 10, 20, 50 and 100 Reichsmarks, which are part of the reformed and stabilised German currency under the Dawes scheme, were exhibited at the Reichsbank, Berlin, on November 6. The 1,000-mark notes will not be ready for some days, their production having been delayed by technical difficulties.

The series, says "The Times," though in general appearance not unlike the current paper mark notes of 20 million marks, have many points of difference from anything hitherto issued. The main reason for the improved technique is the skill shown by the modern forger, who of late years has been very busy in Berlin and other parts of Germany, not without considerable success. The new notes are somewhat shorter and slightly wider than the British Treasury note, and differ to a small degree in size from one another. Each of a different colour. The reverse face gives the impression of a dark band across partially coloured paper bearing a reproduction with a portrait. Each portrait is the reproduction of a well-known work of Holbein the Younger—the Windsor "Portrait of a Young Woman," the Vienna "Portrait of a Man," and the Vienna "Portrait of a Lady." The right side of the note in each case is a pale shade of the particular colour with the number only in large figures; the left side bears the description in words. The reverse shows an intricate piece of scroll decoration, oval in form, with the words "Reichsbank note" and "Reichsmark" above and below the figures.

The greatest care has evidently been taken to defeat imitation and to afford all possible traps for the forger together with as many identification tests as possible. Copper engraving, which affords the best security, could not be made use of, partly because the craft is dying out in Germany, as elsewhere, and partly because of the quantity required, and the necessary high speed of production. The note had to be proof against the ever-advancing development of photographic reproduction. Fortunately the camera lags behind the artifices of the banknote designer. The pre-war German 100-mark note, then almost forger-proof, can now be reproduced in absolute facsimile by a moderately skilled photographer in the space of a few hours. The paper of the new note is made from ramie fibre and contains no wood pulp whatever, differing therein from the flimsy notes of the war period, when rag-paper was unavoidable. The ground work pattern, though formerly avoided by repetition by subtle differences, the print is slightly embossed, primary colours are avoided, and in the lower half of the note is the "Dawes Law" control stamp, colourless and unobtainable from the surface of the paper.

The production of the new notes in a few months is regarded as a considerable achievement. Formerly two years used to be considered the proper allowance of time for the printing of a new currency. The work could not be put in hand until the assent of the foreign controllers was received. The Rentenmark is ultimately destined to be withdrawn, along with the "billion mark" note of the Reichsbank. Already the higher denominations are disappearing from every day circulation, and only the "billion mark" remains. This will soon be replaced by the notes described above, popularly known in anticipation as the "gold" notes. The Reichsbank hopes its notes will retain this unofficial character in actual fact as well as in the popular speech. Its president, Herr Schacht, has declared that it will never again lend its hand to another inflation.

TREASURE TROVE.

HIDDEN DURING DANISH RAID.

Saxon Coins.

Fifty Saxon coins, 20 of them belonging to the time of Alfred the Great and others to King Ethelred's reign, have been found in a cave at Beeson Tor, Staffordshire, England (says the London "Daily Chronicle").

The Rev. George Henry Wilson, a Methodist Minister, of Chorlton, made the discovery. He also found gold rings and traces of skin or leather which had probably been a wallet. The coroner of Leek and representatives of the Duke of Devonshire, Lord of the Manor, held an inquiry into the discovery, and found that 49 coins and three gold rings were treasure trove and the property of the State. Mr. Wilson told the court he thought the articles had been taken to the cave for safety during a Danish raid in the ninth century.

GAVE GHOST A LIFT.

EERIE TALE OF MAN FOUND DROWNED.

Several stories of the supernatural are contained in Life's Little Day, by Mrs. A. M. W. Stirling. Perhaps the best is that related by a friend of Major Whitton, which was written down as follows at the time of the occurrence:

"Having had a day's shooting at home, I was going to Gaynes Park. During a drive of some fourteen miles I crossed a bridge and saw a man leaping over the parapet looking down into the stream. He had a bag by his side, and I offered him a lift."

"Without a word he mounted the cart, but never spoke. I drove on steadily for a considerable distance, when, reaching a village, I pulled up at the inn. The stranger thereupon got down and went straight into the inn without one word of thanks."

"I said to the ostler, 'Who is that man who has just got down?' He said, 'I never saw any man.' I said, somewhat impatiently, 'I mean the man I drove up with.' He looked at me in considerable surprise. 'But,' he remonstrated, 'you came up alone, sir.'"

"I felt very uncomfortable, and, seeing the landlord, I described the stranger very precisely, at which he looked very serious, and finally said, 'Come in here, sir, and follow me.'"

"I went upstairs with him, and there on a bed lay the man I had given the lift to—dead. An inquest had just been held upon his body. He had been found drowned in the stream close to where I saw him."

Mrs. Stirling was the daughter of Mr. P. A. Pickering, Q.C.

REAL MARIE STOPES.

EXPERT ON FOSSILS.

INCIDENTS IN HER LIFE.

Ask 99 out of every 100 people who is Dr. Marie Stopes, and the reply would be The author of Married Love. But Mr. Aylmer Maude's Authorised Life of Marie C. Stopes, published by William and Norgate shows that Dr. Stopes has serious claims to fame as a paleontologist—an expert on ancient fossil life.

The book shows that while Dr. Stopes has only 12 publications under the heading Sexology, four under Botany, one under Travel and six under Literary, she has 41 under Scientific, most of them highly technical treatises. After taking the Ph. D. at Munich, she followed up her London B.Sc. by obtaining the Doctorate of Science, London, becoming, I believe, the youngest Doctor of Science in England. Later, travelling in the U.S.A., she met Dr. Gates, who proposed marriage within a few days of making her acquaintance. They were married a few months later. "After years of marriage," Dr. Stopes was able to secure a decree of nullity.

In 1918 Dr. Stopes married Mr. H. V. Roe, first in a registrar's office (Mr. Roe fearing he would have to go to France) and a month afterwards at St. Margaret's Westminster. After 15 months their first baby was born—a boy, whose tragic death and all the attendant circumstances, involve a story, says Mr. Maude, "too strange and horrible for me to tell here." The second son was born this year.

TOO OLD AT FIFTY.

PROLONGING THE LIFE OF THE "USELESS."

The "English Review" for November contains an amusing article, evidently written by a very young man, on the wickedness of prolonging life. The author, Mr. E. M. Nicholson, calls his article "Death Rate Delusions," and especially deplores the activities of the Ministry of Health, to whose malign influence he attributes the reduction in the national death rate.

Apparently, says Mr. Harold Cox in the "Sunday Times," his ideal is that new people should be brought into the world as rapidly as possible, and all should be cleared off at the age of 50. He dogmatically asserts that the centenarian "lives half his life after the full enjoyment of it has died," and he adds that our "streets are increasingly filled with aged persons, who cannot be expected to work, and in most cases cannot even be happy."

When we were leaving college, wondering what should be our next step in the world, it often crossed our minds that the way was blocked by older people, who seemed to have all the nice jobs in the world, and apparently intended to live on and keep them. One longed for the younger men, and especially for over-crowded England.

Mr. Nicholson expresses exactly the same thought in picturesque language. England is now so overcrowded with people that though the places are not numbered like seats in a theatre they might almost as well be, so little spare accommodation exists. There are never meant to be so many old people filling them they are just like people in a theatre sitting out two performances when long queues are waiting to get in.

I remember hearing a similar point of view expressed even more piquantly, by a charming young girl, who was one of a mixed audience to whom I was lecturing on the problem of over-population in England. Taking notice apparently of my grey hairs, she looked up with a quizzing smile when my lecture was over, and asked me if I did not think that the problem of over-population could be better solved by cutting off those nearing the end of life than by checking the volume of incomers. This is quite a natural point of view for young people who have only seen as much of the world as their years enable them to see. But when one grows a little older one finds that there are other glimpses. In particular one discovers that growing years do not produce loss of enjoyment. It may safely be said that many men enjoy life as much, or even more, after they are fifty, or even after they are sixty, than they did when they were young men. Nor is it true that old men are merely a burden upon the community, as they check the volume of incomers.

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The older people, with their greater experience, have greater tolerance of trouble and not less capacity for the enjoyment of pleasure.

ANCIENT BEAUTIES.

MORE LOVELY THAN MODERN WOMEN.

Was Queen Nefret-iti—whose beauty as portrayed in the bust just presented to the British Museum is causing a sensation—really lovelier than modern women whose good looks have been the subject alike for artists and poets?

No doubt the outstanding beauties of all ages have borne a resemblance to each other, but if half a dozen girls of ancient Thebes could be compared with half a dozen London girls chosen at random in a crowd, which would win the beauty prize?

The honours would go to ancient Egypt, according to Mrs. Laura Knight, the noted artist, who accompanied a "Daily Express" representative on a tour of inspection through the Egyptian Rooms of the British Museum.

"It is an extremely difficult thing to compare the painting of an ancient woman with that of a modern woman," said Mrs. Knight, "because it is doubtful whether these paintings, were the actual portraits of the women themselves. It is much more probable that they represented the ideal of the artists who painted them."

Nevertheless it is fairly obvious that these women of the times of the Pharaohs must have been far lovelier than the women one sees walking along Bond Street to-day.

"Their arched eyebrows were exquisite. The structure of their bones was better. They had not that narrowness of face and that angularity of figure that is so to be deplored among modern English women. They were not insipid. Judging from these paintings, they must have been fairly tall, but they had beautiful slim figures with rounded limbs such as one rarely sees to-day."

"If any women are as beautiful as these ancient Egyptian women were, they will be found among the Russians. I know several Russian beauties who have these attributes. Queen Nefret-iti, in my opinion, is extremely beautiful. Karavina, the Russian dancer, bears a strong resemblance to her."

Mr. Nicholson appears to believe. He says, for example, that the debt left by the Great War will chafe successive generations for a long time. "That they might have supported, but to see all their grand-children and great-grand-children lingering on earth to watch them pay it may well prove the last straw." But the grand-children, at any rate, are many of them still active workers. Some of the most brilliant captains of industry to-day are well-over seventy. In some cases when the experienced head of a firm dies many years may elapse before the business recovers from the loss.

AGE AND HAPPINESS.

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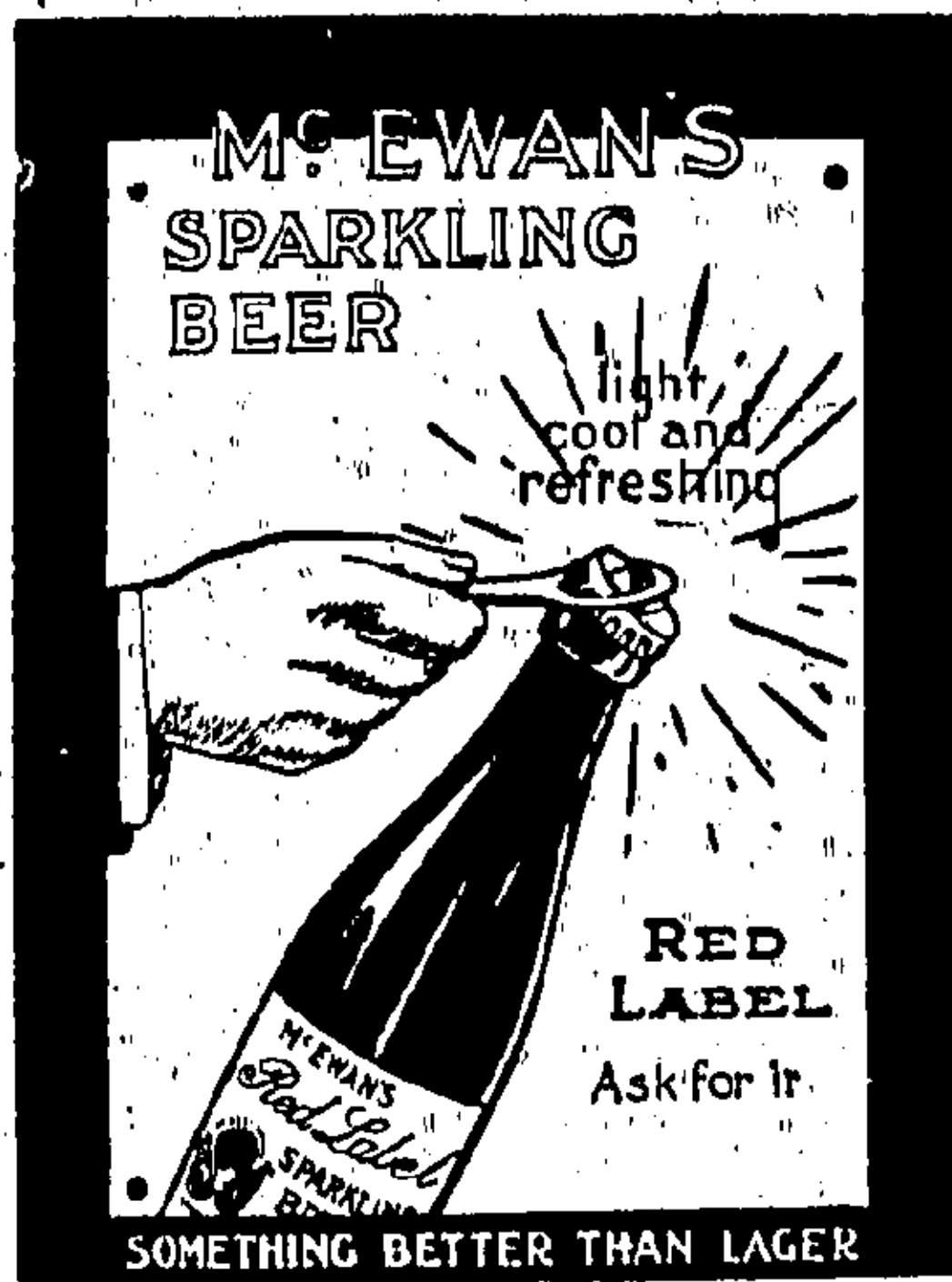
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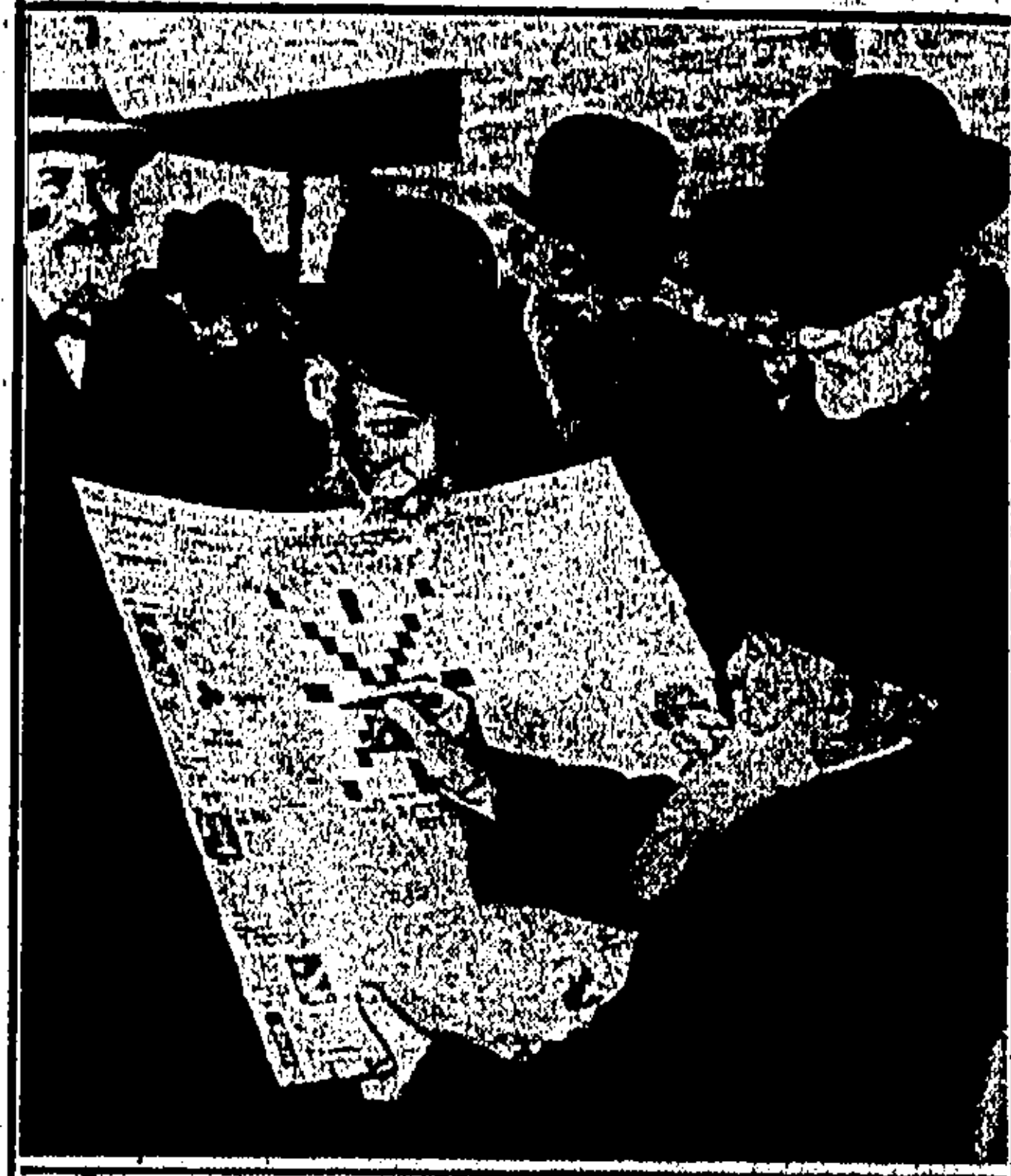
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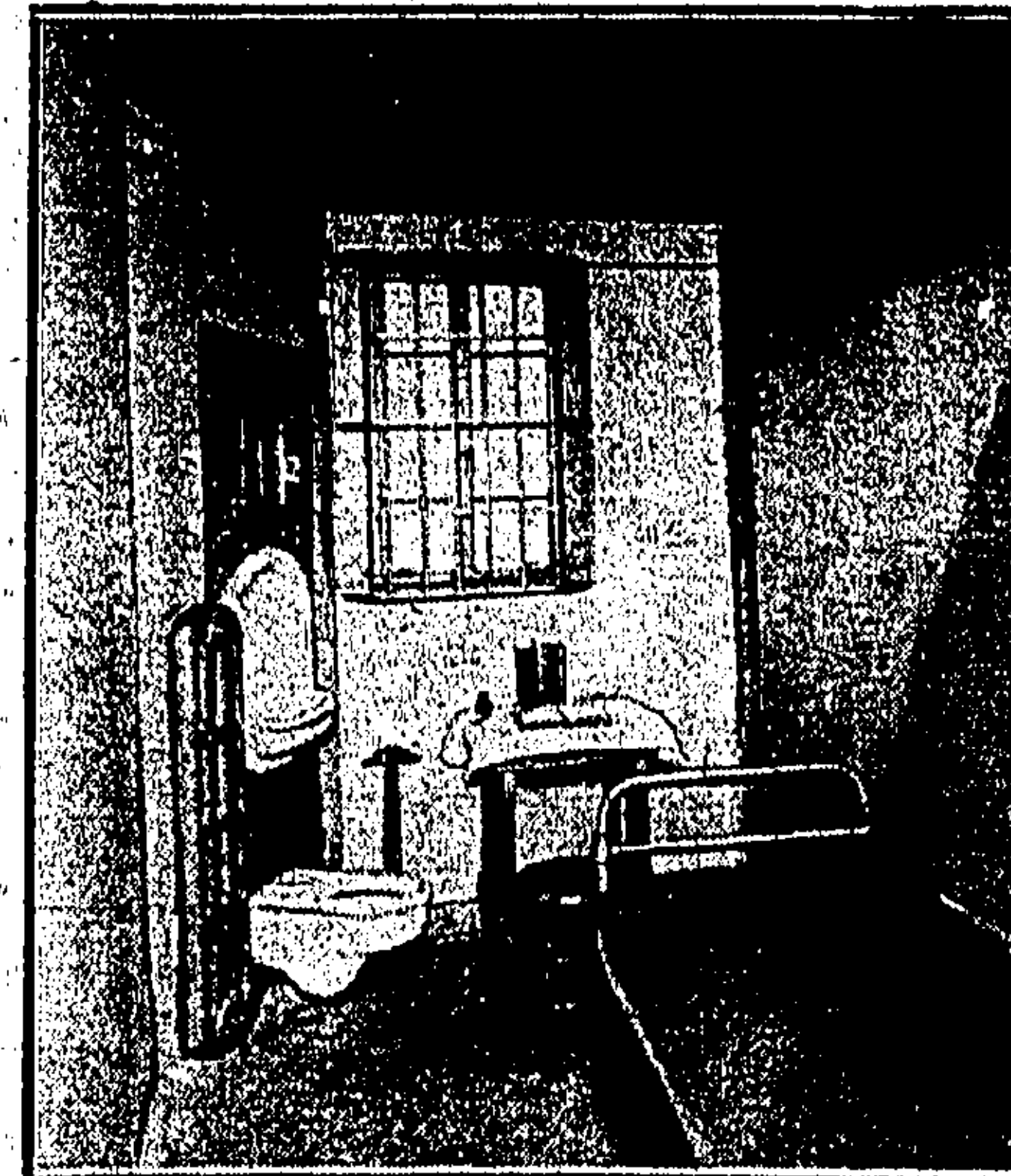


Members of the "Jolly Young Fellows," a club of men whose members must be as much as eighty, and some of whom are one hundred and ten, have taken avidly to the latest indoor sport—solving cross word puzzles. This photograph shows some of the cronies working on one of them.

The Blackmail Suit.



This is Mrs. Devan, who was mentioned in the famous "Mr. A." suit in London as the companion in Paris of Mrs. Maude Robinson, wife of a bookmaker, when Sir Hurri Singh, Indian potentate, was blackmailed of £150,000. According to the testimony, an account of £5,000 was shortly thereafter opened in Mrs. Devan's name in a London bank.



This is a modern cell, of the type assigned to life prisoners in the new Illinois State Prison, called the world's most modern penal institution. Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold, murderers of little Bobby Franks, of Chicago, will spend their lives in similar cells.

Mexico's Cabinet.



Romero Ortega has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Interior in the Cabinet of Mexico's President.

Big Love Suit.



Mrs. Mary Beers is being sued for divorce by Fred Beers, former casting director of the Metro studios.



Roy Page, noted aviator, who brought down four German planes in the war, and who is now a night flying airman pilot, thought his wife's long, flowing hair was beautiful. But she would be modern, so she bobbed it. To get even he discarded his razor, and refuses to shave until his wife lets her hair grow long again.

Japanese Envoy.



According to Tokyo newspapers, Taunee Matsudaira, former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Ambassador to the United States.

Mexico's Cabinet.



Luis Leon has been appointed Secretary of Agriculture in the Cabinet of President Calles, of Mexico.



What's in a name? Well, his name is "Alberta," and he's proud of it, for he's from that section of Canada. He is a white faced Hereford, the biggest Canadian bull entered at the International Livestock Exposition.

Pretty Woman Killed.



Miss Myrtle Oden, a 19-year old stenographer, employed by an oil concern, accepted an invitation to ride to her office in the motor-car of Joe Bass, a worker in the oil fields of a rival concern, whom she had refused to marry. On the way he shot and killed her and then ended his own life.



SEN. BURTON W. WHEELER & MRS. ANNA BUZZI
SEN. WESLEY J. JONES & CHARLES A. STONEHAM

United States Senator Wesley Jones, has been named Republican whip of the Senate. Mrs. Anna Buzzi, once sentenced to death for the murder of Frederick Schneider, wealthy contractor, has been placed on trial a second time, the Court of Appeals having over-ruled her first conviction. Senator Burton Wheeler, who ran for Vice-President on the La Follette ticket will not be read out of the Democratic party, as were his Republican colleagues. Charles A. Stoneham, owner of the New York Giants, and his former partners in the brokerage business in New York City, will go to trial in a Federal Court there, on December 16, on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

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